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EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL GOODPASTER

FOR GENERAL GOODPASTER FROM AMBASSADOR TASCA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, NATO, GR

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF GENERAL GOODPASTER

1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED OF YOUR DECISION TO RETIRE AND WISH
TO EXTEND TO YOU MY MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU HAVE
DONE TO FURTHER MY MISSION IN GREECE OVER THE PAST FOUR AND
ONE-HALF YEARS. YOUR KEEN APPRECIATION OF THE POLITICAL
DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE CONTENTED THROUGHOUT THIS
PERIOD WAS OF INESTIMABLE VALUE IN PREVENTING AN AWKWARD
POLITICAL SITUATION FROM BECOMING EVER MORE DIFFICULT. AL-
THOUGH RECENTLY THE CYPRUS SITUATION HAS CREATED STRESSES
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AND STRAINS, AND GREECE'S FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE

ALLIANCE ARE YET TO BE DEFINED, THE GREAT BENEFITS GREECE HAS ENJOYED FROM NATO OVER THE YEARS, MOST RECENTLY UNDER YOUR STEWARDSHIP, WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE MODERATING INFLUENCE IN ITS DECISIONS.

2. I KNOW THAT YOU LEAVE YOUR POSITION AS SACEUR WITH A CONSIDERABLE SENSE OF PERSONAL SATISFACTION AT HAVING CARRIED OUT A VITALLY IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT WITH GREAT SKILL. I PERSONALLY REGARD YOUR DEPARTURE WITH MUCH REGRET, FOR THE PERSONAL TIES YOU HAVE BUILT UP AND THE TRUST YOU HAVE ENGENDERED AMONG THE ALLIES WILL BE SORELY MISSED. I WISH YOU GODSPEED AS YOU RETIRE AND ENTER A NEW PHASE OF LIFE. WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY.
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